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OBSERVATIONS

(Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, DSS had 23,772 open cases (1,782 adoption cases and 21,990 clinical cases). A total of 76,931 consumers¹ (36,142 adults and 40,767 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,912 in the Boston Region to 5,009 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, consumer counts and case counts increased 3% and 2%, respectively. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 6, Figs. 20 and 21 on page 52)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,661 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. Included in this count are 9,203 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,458 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 18% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Metro Region, 13% in the Central Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 23% (or 9,203) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 24% in the West, 22% in the Southeast, 22% in the Northeast, 22% in Metro, 21% in Central, and 20% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, and Coastal Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Park Street, Harbor, and North Central Area Offices. **(Table 2)**

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, the number of children in placement dropped 1% statewide. Regionally, the fluctuations ranged from a 4% drop in the Southeast to a 2% rise in Boston. **(Fig. 3)**

Children Not in Placement

- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, counts of children not in placement increased 3% statewide. Regional gains ranged from less than 1% in Metro to 6% in the West. Quarterly counts of children not in placement (and to a lesser degree, children in placement) display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). **(Fig. 4)**

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, the consumer population included 40,767 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 36,142 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (16,051) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.4:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 15% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 24% of the consumers. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Of the total consumer population, 23% (17,415 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 47% Black and 22% White consumers (4,254 and 2,016 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast-- 6% of the caseload (854 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the following table. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded.

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census ² 2000	DSS Not in Care 12/31/06	DSS All Substitute Care ¹ 12/31/06	DSS Foster Care 12/31/06	DSS Congregate Care ² 12/31/06	DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 12/31/06	DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 12/31/06	DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2006	DSS Guardianships Legalized FY'2006
White	79%	57%	60%	60%	62%	58%	64%	64%	61%
Black	7%	16%	18%	17%	21%	17%	19%	16%	21%
Asian	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	3%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	<1%	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	7%	4%	6%	2%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	16%	16%	13%	17%	12%	14%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	31,564	9,203	6,763	1,934	2,409	529	893	518
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	28%	26%	26%	24%	28%	22%	26%	19%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	64%	69%	68%	73%	66%	74%	70%	76%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

¹ Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DSS retains custody of the child.

² Congregate Care includes: Group Home, Residential, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

² Kids Count census data online, *Race of Children by Age Group in the 2000 Census*, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 (Table P12A-P12G)

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

- The Northeastern, Western, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,134 consumers), 7% (1,096), and 9% (820), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 352 DSS consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro, Boston, and Southeast), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4)**

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

		DSS Geographic Region										
									Adoption			
Case Counts:		West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	Total		
Adoption		380	231	259	244	331	173	163	1	1,782		
Clinical		4,245	3,052	3,900	3,327	4,678	2,739	4	45	21,990		
Total		4,625	3,283	4,159	3,571	5,009	2,912	167	46	23,772		
Consumer Counts:												
Adults: ⁽³⁾												
	In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	242	140	305	225	266	235	---	18	1,431	
		Other ⁽⁶⁾	4	1	5	3	1	5	---	---	19	
		On the Run	4	1				3	---	---	8	
		Total in Placement	250	142	310	228	267	243	---	18	1,458	
	Not in Placemer		6,751	5,109	6,031	5,191	7,697	3,895	---	10	34,684	
	Total Adults		7,001	5,251	6,341	5,419	7,964	4,138	---	28	36,142	
Children:												
	In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,919	1,190	1,486	1,195	1,752	885	247	23	8,697	
		Other ⁽⁶⁾	53	31	54	33	47	45	---	---	263	
		On the Run	58	19	45	30	34	57	---	---	243	
		Total in Placement	2,030	1,240	1,585	1,258	1,833	987	247	23	9,203	
	Not in Placemer		6,355	4,784	5,712	4,401	6,332	3,960	17	3	31,564	
	Total Children		8,385	6,024	7,297	5,659	8,165	4,947	264	26	40,767	
Total			15,386	11,279	13,642	11,083	16,134	9,089	264	54	76,931	
⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.												
⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.												
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.												
⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).												
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.												
⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.												

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER)

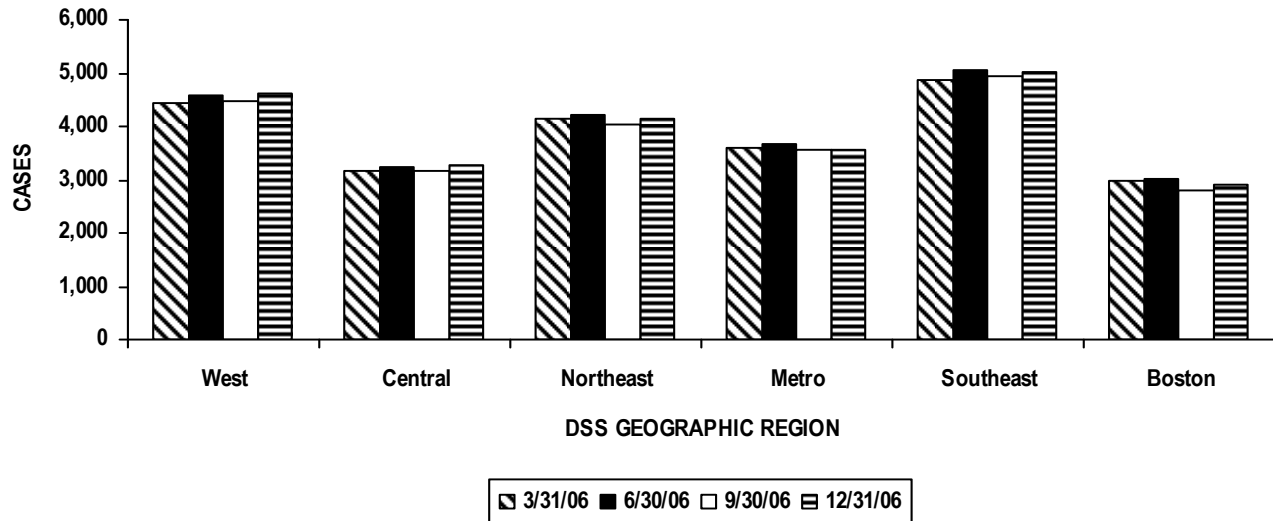


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER)

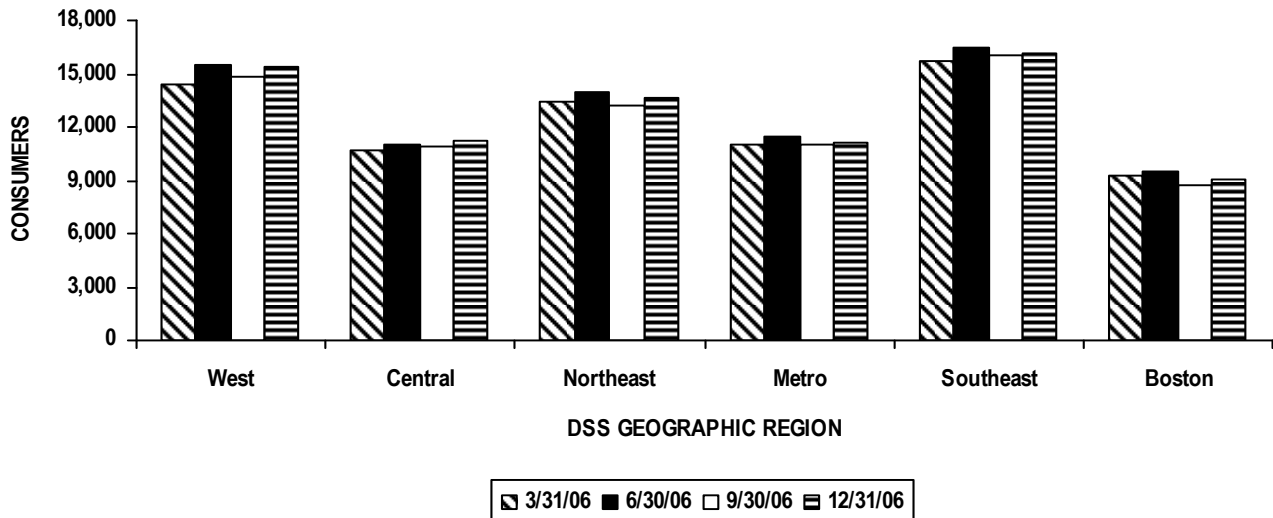
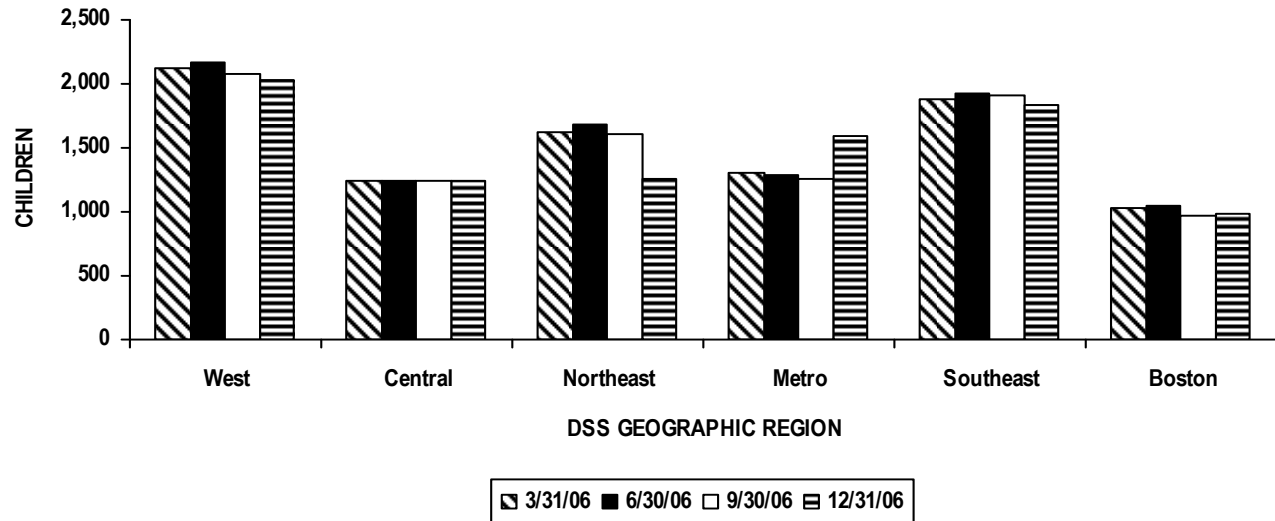
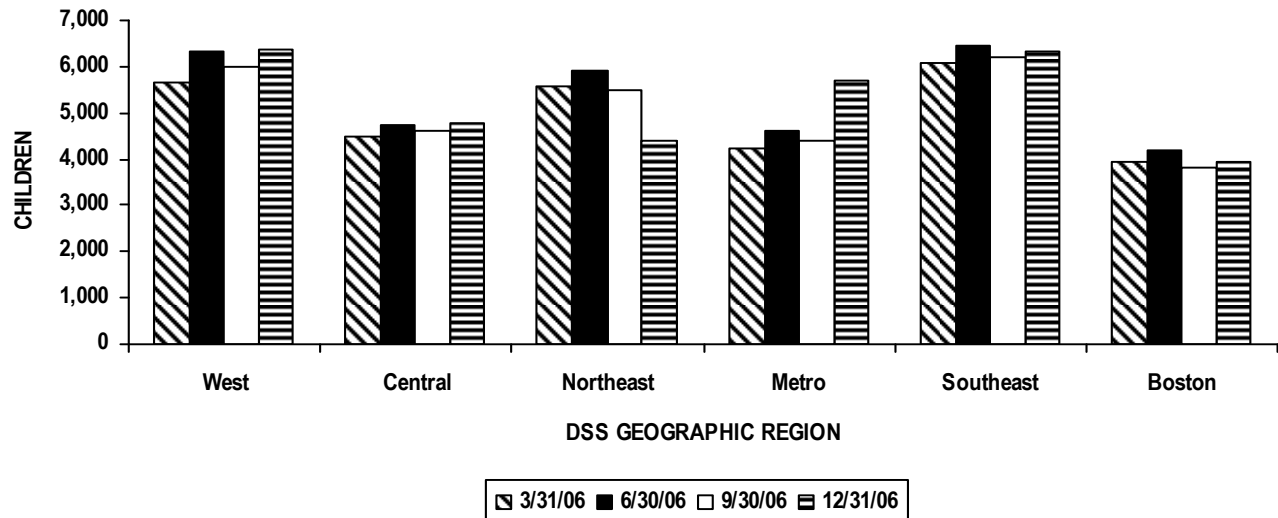


TABLE 2. CHILD ⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)						
DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement		
Greenfield	953	316	1,269	25%		
Holyoke	1,434	436	1,870	23%		
Pittsfield	815	398	1,213	33%		
Robert Van Wart	1,644	394	2,038	19%		
Springfield	1,493	485	1,978	25%		
Contracted Agencies	16	1	17	6%		
Western	6,355	2,030	8,385	24%		
North Central	1,459	321	1,780	18%		
South Central	1,081	285	1,366	21%		
Worcester East	1,147	319	1,466	22%		
Worcester West	1,093	312	1,405	22%		
Contracted Agencies	4	3	4	75%		
Central	4,784	1,240	6,024	21%		
Arlington	849	242	1,091	22%		
Cambridge	688	210	898	23%		
Coastal	836	316	1,152	27%		
Framingham	787	203	990	21%		
Malden	1,230	280	1,510	19%		
Contracted Agencies	11	7	18	39%		
Metro	4,401	1,258	5,659	22%		
Cape Ann	965	306	1,271	24%		
Haverhill	1,024	243	1,267	19%		
Lawrence	1,440	332	1,772	19%		
Lowell	1,230	434	1,664	26%		
Lynn	1,046	268	1,314	20%		
Contracted Agencies	7	2	9	22%		
Northeast	5,712	1,585	7,297	22%		
Attleboro	913	231	1,144	20%		
Brockton	1,128	346	1,474	23%		
Cape Cod	785	212	997	21%		
Fall River	1,077	415	1,492	28%		
New Bedford	1,538	407	1,945	21%		
Plymouth	879	220	1,099	20%		
Contracted Agencies	12	2	14	14%		
Southeast	6,332	1,833	8,165	22%		
Dimock St.	819	241	1,060	23%		
Harbor	1,040	227	1,267	18%		
Hyde Park	705	219	924	24%		
Park St.	1,396	298	1,694	18%		
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	---		
Boston	3,960	987	4,947	20%		
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	17	247	264	94%		
Other ⁽³⁾	3	23	26	88%		
Total	31,564	9,203	40,767	23%		
⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.						
⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.						
⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.						

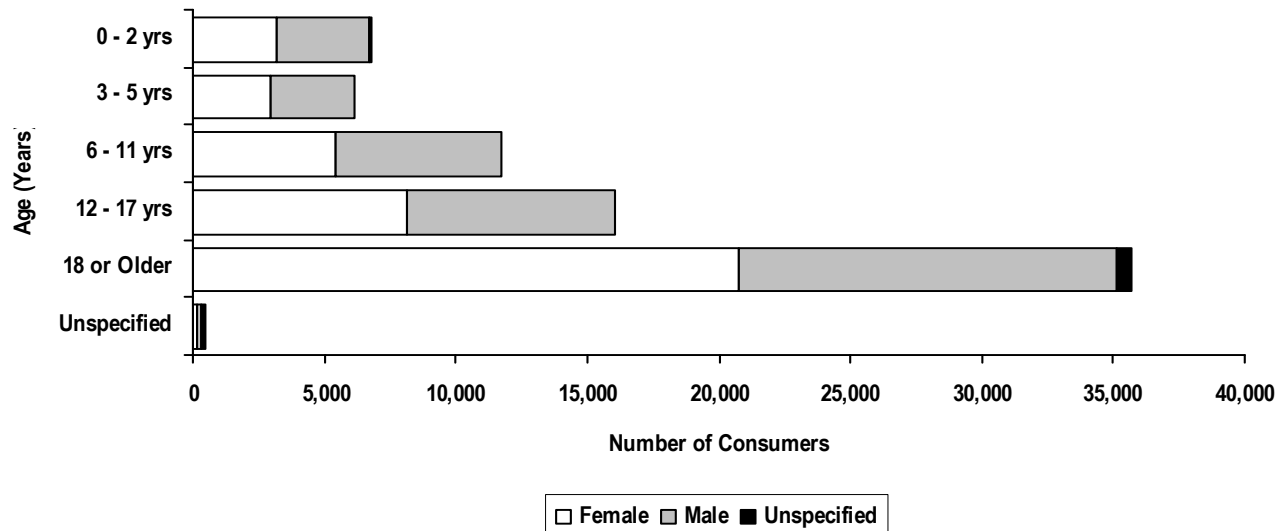
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 480 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 23 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 909 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

	DSS Geographic Region																	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
Race	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	No	%	Nc	%	Nc	%	N	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	8,885	58%	7,208	64%	7,699	56%	6,856	62%	10,229	63%	2,016	22%	121	46%	6	11%	43,020	56%
Black	1,685	11%	944	8%	908	7%	1,667	15%	2,191	14%	4,254	47%	68	26%	39	72%	11,756	15%
Asian	57	*	116	1%	854	6%	181	2%	112	1%	204	2%	2	1%	3	6%	1,529	2%
Native American	17	*	25	*	21	*	7	*	53	*	10	*	1	*	—	—	134	*
Other ⁽³⁾	4	*	6	*	4	*	4	*	13	*	8	*	—	—	—	—	39	*
Multi-Racial	350	2%	241	2%	289	2%	218	2%	426	3%	158	2%	29	11%	—	—	1,711	2%
Unspecified	4,388	29%	2,739	24%	3,867	28%	2,150	19%	3,110	19%	2,439	27%	43	16%	6	11%	18,742	24%
T total	15,386	100%	11,279	100%	13,642	100%	11,083	100%	16,134	100%	9,089	100%	264	100%	54	100%	76,931	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption					
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeas		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾		T total	
Origin	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	Nc	%	Nc	%	N	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	4,625	30%	2,711	24%	4,106	30%	1,529	14%	1,838	11%	2,537	28%	67	25%	2	4%	17,415	23%
Not Hispanic/Latino	7,818	51%	6,755	60%	7,582	56%	7,124	64%	10,833	67%	5,096	56%	179	68%	44	81%	45,431	59%
Unspecified	2,943	19%	1,813	16%	1,954	14%	2,430	22%	3,463	21%	1,456	16%	18	7%	8	15%	14,085	18%
T total	15,386	100%	11,279	100%	13,642	100%	11,083	100%	16,134	100%	9,089	100%	264	100%	54	100%	76,931	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'07, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

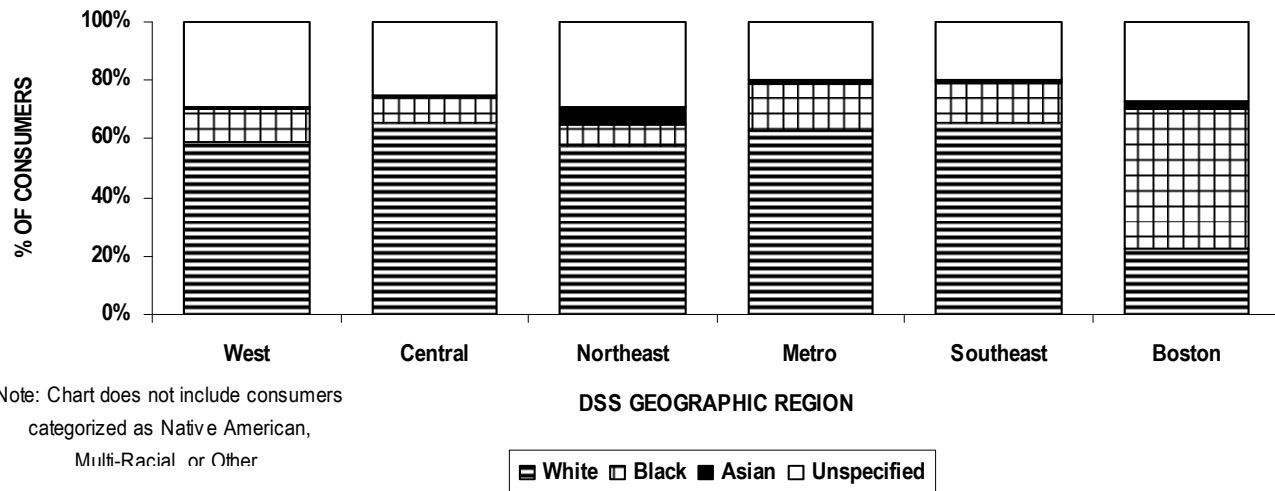


FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
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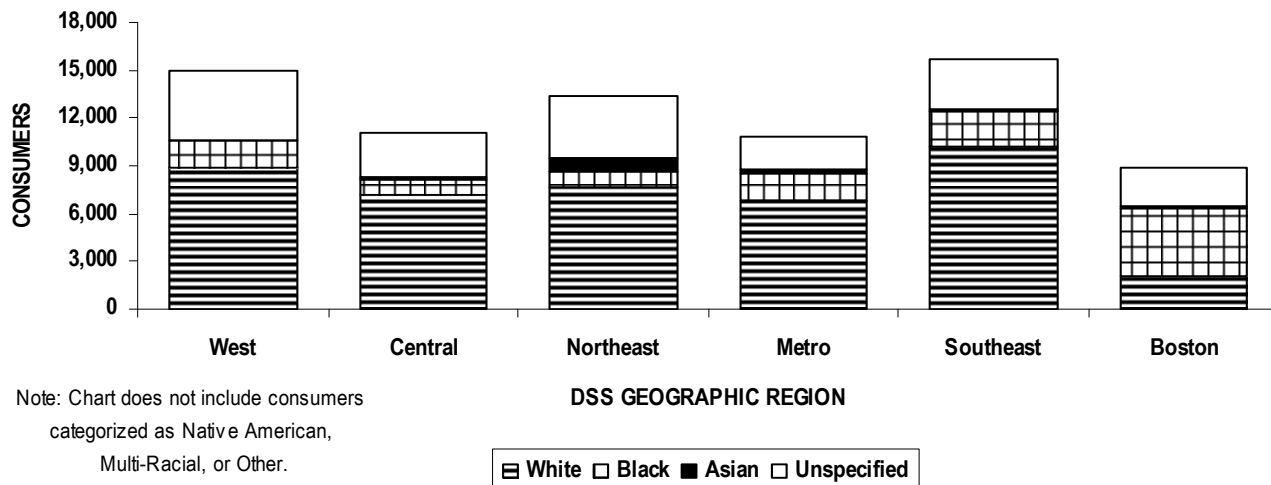


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
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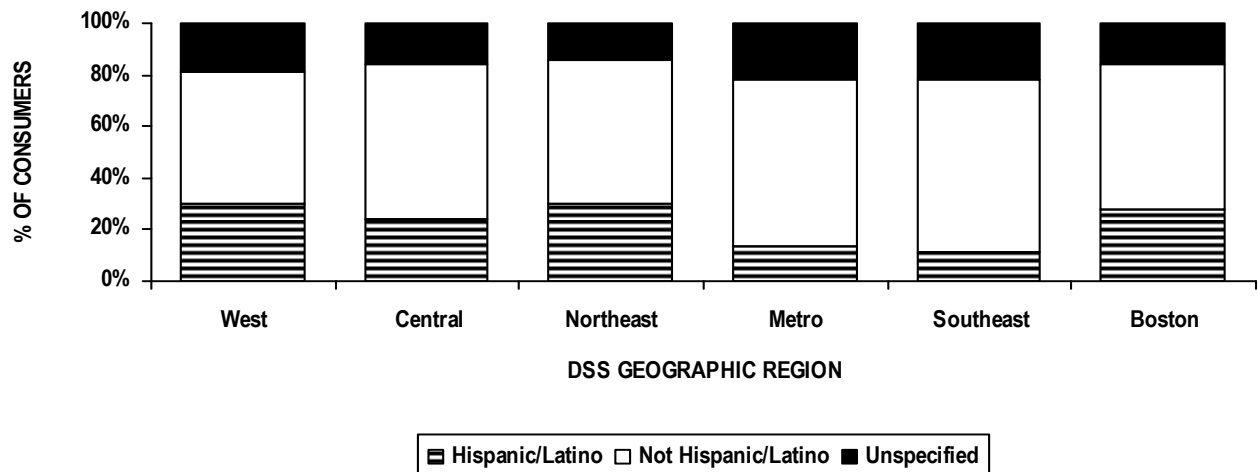


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
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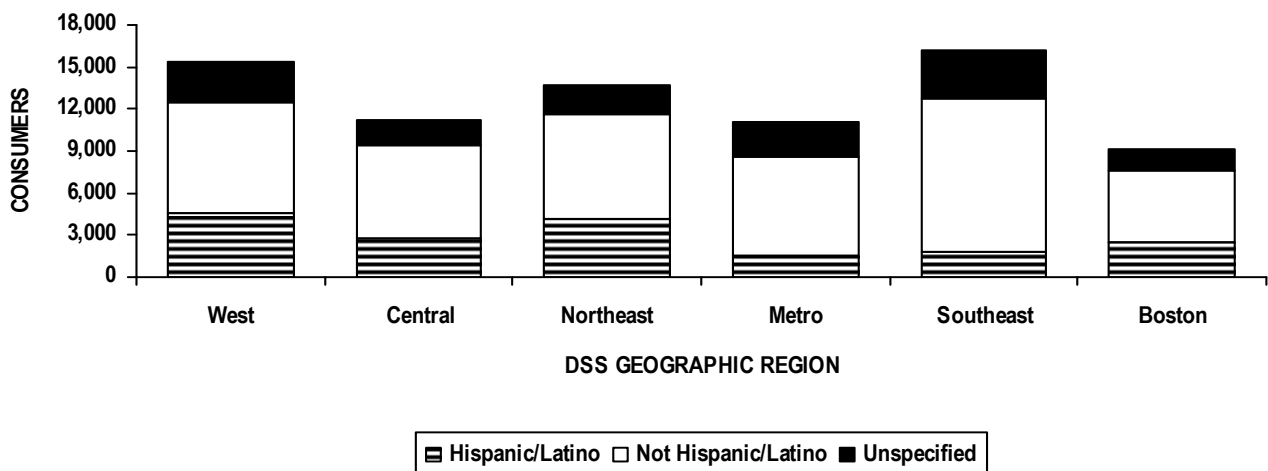


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,096	7%	579	5%	1,134	8%	390	4%	390	2%	802	9%	12	5%	4	7%	4,407	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	1	*	289	2%	3	*	48	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	352	*
Portuguese	4	*	29	*	34	*	102	1%	112	1%	23	*	---	---	---	---	304	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	8	*	13	*	108	1%	50	*	67	1%	---	---	---	---	246	*
Cape Verdean Creole	2	*	---	---	1	*	4	*	85	1%	42	*	---	---	---	---	134	*
Vietnamese	8	*	42	*	26	*	11	0%	4	*	56	1%	---	---	---	---	147	*
Chinese	1	*	1	*	---	---	30	*	1	*	12	*	---	---	3	6%	48	*
Lao	---	---	2	*	19	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	*
American Sign Lang.	3	*	3	*	6	*	10	*	5	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	34	*
Other	399	3%	230	2%	155	1%	190	2%	353	2%	193	2%	2	1%	24	44%	1,546	2%
English\Unspecified	13,868	90%	10,384	92%	11,965	88%	10,235	92%	15,086	94%	7,881	87%	250	95%	23	43%	69,692	91%
Total	15,386	100%	11,279	100%	13,642	100%	11,083	100%	16,134	100%	9,089	100%	264	100%	54	100%	76,931	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁴

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,815 consumers in foster care and 2,313 consumers in congregate care⁵ on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Metro, Northeastern, and Southeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (34-39% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 692, 551, and 480, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 66% to 74% across the regions. The Metro, Northeastern, and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 356, 345, and 319, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁶ were primarily adolescents (79-86% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,945 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁷ (IFC) and 5,870 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38% of consumers), kinship (33%), child specific (12%), pre-adoptive (6%), and independent living (11%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western Region had the highest number of consumers in IFC **(Table 5B)**.
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

⁴Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁵Congregate Care includes: Group Home, Residential, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

⁶“Other” includes locations like hospitals and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁷Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” foster care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and Central. Metro had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in both Boston and the West. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston and the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate programs were residential (1,068 consumers), group homes (973 consumers), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR)⁸ (272 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential was most significant in both the Southeast and Northeast. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Central Region. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in Metro. The Northeast had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.⁹ **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were group home (427 consumers), behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (340), and independent living (205).
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, there was negligible change in the both the foster care and congregate care populations statewide. The gains and losses among regions cancelled each other out when viewed at the state level. **(Figs. 9 and 10).**

⁸ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

⁹ Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 19% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 15% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A)**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,659 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 44% in the Western Region to 50% in the Boston Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 142 in the Central Region to 310 in the Northeastern Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement), “Adoption” (23%), and Living Independently (21%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and second highest proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The largest numbers of consumers with a goal of “Independent Living” were evenly distributed over three regions—Southeast, West, and Northeast. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 39% of the placement population had been in continuous care¹⁰ for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 40% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**

¹⁰ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

- The Northeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous¹¹ care for more than two years (42% in each region). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (45%). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (883 and 869, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (896). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (44% for Black vs. 39% for White, 39% for Hispanic, 40% for Asian). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007 ("snapshot" on 12/31/06), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median¹² age was 12.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 15 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable. (See table below).

All Children in Placement¹³			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586
9/06	12.6	1.2	9,306
12/06	12.6	1.2	9,203

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹¹ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child's most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2006).

¹² Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

¹³ Children are less than 18 years old.

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. Minority children tend to be older and spend a slightly longer length of time in placement.

All Children in Placement¹⁴ on 12/31/06			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	12.6	1.2	5,512
Black	13.8	1.3	1,689
Asian	15.0	1.0	127
Native American	16.4	2.2	15
Pacific Islander	12.7	0.6	8
Multi-Racial	7.4	1.2	420
Unknown	12.2	1.1	1,432
TOTAL	12.6	1.2	9,203
Hispanic Origin ¹⁵	12.6	1.3	2,373

Note: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,414 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,410 (58%) were White, 410 (17%) were Black, 16 (1%) were Asian, and 173 (7%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 17%. Twenty-eight percent (673) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. **(Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)**
- The age distribution of 2,414 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 37% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. **(Table 8C, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**

¹⁴ Children are less than 18 years old.

¹⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

- Forty-seven percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D, Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁶ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%
9/06	9,306	2,456	26%
12/06	9,203	2,409	26%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,414 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-nine percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption differed slightly from the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). There is a tendency for older children to be freed. A bias toward adolescents may be a reflection of the time required to terminate parental rights – the more time it takes to free a child, the older the child is when freed.

Age Group (years)	Children Legally Free for Adoption		All Children with a Goal of Adoption	
	No.	%	No.	%
0 – 2	250	25%	635	26%
3 – 5	208	21%	551	23%
6 – 11	359	36%	888	37%
12 – 17	181	18%	335	14%
Total	998	100%	2,409	100%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. All children 18 years or older are free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (59%), 60% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Boston and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions (60% and 57%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western Region had the highest proportion of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (87%). **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,856		305		119		2,280
	(0 - 2 yrs)	308	17%	2	1%	1	1%	311
	(3 - 5 yrs)	256	14%	3	1%	2	2%	261
	(6 - 11 yrs)	409	22%	41	13%	11	9%	461
	(12 - 17 yrs)	692	37%	208	68%	97	82%	997
	18 or older	191	10%	51	17%	8	7%	250
Central		1,048		282		52		1,382
	(0 - 2 yrs)	179	17%	---	---	---	---	179
	(3 - 5 yrs)	145	14%	3	1%	---	---	148
	(6 - 11 yrs)	240	23%	44	16%	7	13%	291
	(12 - 17 yrs)	369	35%	210	74%	43	83%	622
	18 or older	115	11%	25	9%	2	4%	142
Northeast		1,311		480		104		1,895
	(0 - 2 yrs)	184	14%	1	0%	3	3%	188
	(3 - 5 yrs)	139	11%	1	0%	1	1%	141
	(6 - 11 yrs)	291	22%	45	9%	7	7%	343
	(12 - 17 yrs)	480	37%	345	72%	88	85%	913
	18 or older	217	17%	88	18%	5	5%	310
Metro		933		487		66		1,486
	(0 - 2 yrs)	164	18%	1	0%	2	3%	167
	(3 - 5 yrs)	107	11%	3	1%	1	2%	111
	(6 - 11 yrs)	197	21%	47	10%	3	5%	247
	(12 - 17 yrs)	320	34%	356	73%	57	86%	733
	18 or older	145	16%	80	16%	3	5%	228
Southeast		1,577		441		82		2,100
	(0 - 2 yrs)	298	19%	2	0%	---	---	300
	(3 - 5 yrs)	211	13%	5	1%	---	---	216
	(6 - 11 yrs)	306	19%	60	14%	16	20%	382
	(12 - 17 yrs)	551	35%	319	72%	65	79%	935
	18 or older	211	13%	55	12%	1	1%	267
Boston		804		316		110		1,230
	(0 - 2 yrs)	138	17%	---	---	1	1%	139
	(3 - 5 yrs)	76	9%	2	1%	---	---	78
	(6 - 11 yrs)	120	15%	27	9%	6	5%	153
	(12 - 17 yrs)	315	39%	207	66%	95	86%	617
	18 or older	155	19%	80	25%	8	7%	243
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		245		2		---	---	247
	(0 - 2 yrs)	41	17%	---	---	---	---	41
	(3 - 5 yrs)	62	25%	---	---	---	---	62
	(6 - 11 yrs)	98	40%	1	50%	---	---	99
	(12 - 17 yrs)	44	18%	1	50%	---	---	45
Other ⁽⁴⁾		41		---	---	---	---	41
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	3	7%	---	---	---	---	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	44%	---	---	---	---	18
	18 or older	18	44%	---	---	---	---	18
Total		7,815		2,313		533		10,661

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		468	2	185	112	376	110	603	1,856
	(0 - 2 yrs)	13	1	21	---	91	52	130	308
	(3 - 5 yrs)	17	---	27	---	81	25	106	256
	(6 - 11 yrs)	79	---	46	---	109	26	149	409
	(12 - 17 yrs)	312	1	81	8	87	6	197	692
	18 or older	47	---	10	104	8	1	21	191
Central		265	3	73	58	261	50	338	1,048
	(0 - 2 yrs)	3	1	5	---	55	14	101	179
	(3 - 5 yrs)	15	---	6	---	47	18	59	145
	(6 - 11 yrs)	55	1	17	---	71	15	81	240
	(12 - 17 yrs)	160	1	37	1	81	3	86	369
	18 or older	32	---	8	57	7	---	11	115
Northeast		383	28	101	146	319	39	295	1,311
	(0 - 2 yrs)	40	2	6	---	51	13	72	184
	(3 - 5 yrs)	22	---	9	---	55	6	47	139
	(6 - 11 yrs)	78	2	25	---	109	16	61	291
	(12 - 17 yrs)	202	11	55	7	98	4	103	480
	18 or older	41	13	6	139	6	---	12	217
Metro		214	4	81	84	283	53	214	933
	(0 - 2 yrs)	17	2	5	---	58	24	58	164
	(3 - 5 yrs)	7	---	10	---	44	8	38	107
	(6 - 11 yrs)	57	1	8	---	85	15	31	197
	(12 - 17 yrs)	114	---	46	---	84	6	70	320
	18 or older	19	1	12	84	12	---	17	145
Southeast		294	10	133	132	475	47	486	1,577
	(0 - 2 yrs)	6	1	17	---	101	17	156	298
	(3 - 5 yrs)	16	---	13	---	81	14	87	211
	(6 - 11 yrs)	45	---	29	---	126	11	95	306
	(12 - 17 yrs)	197	---	66	6	149	5	128	551
	18 or older	30	9	8	126	18	---	20	211
Boston		223	8	73	100	175	25	200	804
	(0 - 2 yrs)	14	4	10	---	44	16	50	138
	(3 - 5 yrs)	16	---	7	---	24	5	24	76
	(6 - 11 yrs)	39	1	14	---	37	3	26	120
	(12 - 17 yrs)	128	2	33	---	62	1	89	315
	18 or older	26	1	9	100	8	---	11	155
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		43	---	28	---	49	44	81	245
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	2	---	12	10	17	41
	(3 - 5 yrs)	6	---	7	---	12	14	23	62
	(6 - 11 yrs)	19	---	10	---	20	16	33	98
	(12 - 17 yrs)	18	---	9	---	5	4	8	44
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	8	6	2	---	25	41
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	6	---	---	---	12	18
	18 or older	---	---	---	6	2	---	10	18
Total		1,890	55	682	638	1,940	368	2,242	7,815

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care							Total
	Group Home				Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Other	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	98	33	27	---	59	59	29	305
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	9	4	---	---	14	8	6	41
(12 - 17 yrs)	88	15	5	---	38	40	22	208
18 or older	1	14	22	---	7	7	---	51
Central	44	59	5	---	105	23	46	282
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	1	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	2	4	---	---	21	7	10	44
(12 - 17 yrs)	37	49	3	---	77	10	34	210
18 or older	5	5	2	---	7	5	1	25
Northeast	76	63	54	---	215	30	42	480
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	11	3	---	---	27	3	1	45
(12 - 17 yrs)	64	52	13	---	166	13	37	345
18 or older	1	8	41	---	22	14	2	88
Metro	51	123	51	---	177	26	59	487
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	1	1	---	---	---	---	1	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	9	1	---	---	28	3	6	47
(12 - 17 yrs)	39	103	17	---	130	15	52	356
18 or older	2	18	34	---	19	7	---	80
Southeast	54	65	22	1	172	56	71	441
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	2
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	2	---	3	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	17	2	---	---	26	---	15	60
(12 - 17 yrs)	36	54	8	---	127	42	52	319
18 or older	1	8	14	1	17	14	---	55
Boston	17	84	46	---	99	46	24	316
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	6	3	---	---	11	3	4	27
(12 - 17 yrs)	9	69	8	---	75	28	18	207
18 or older	2	12	38	---	13	15	---	80
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
Total	340	427	205	1	828	240	272	2,313

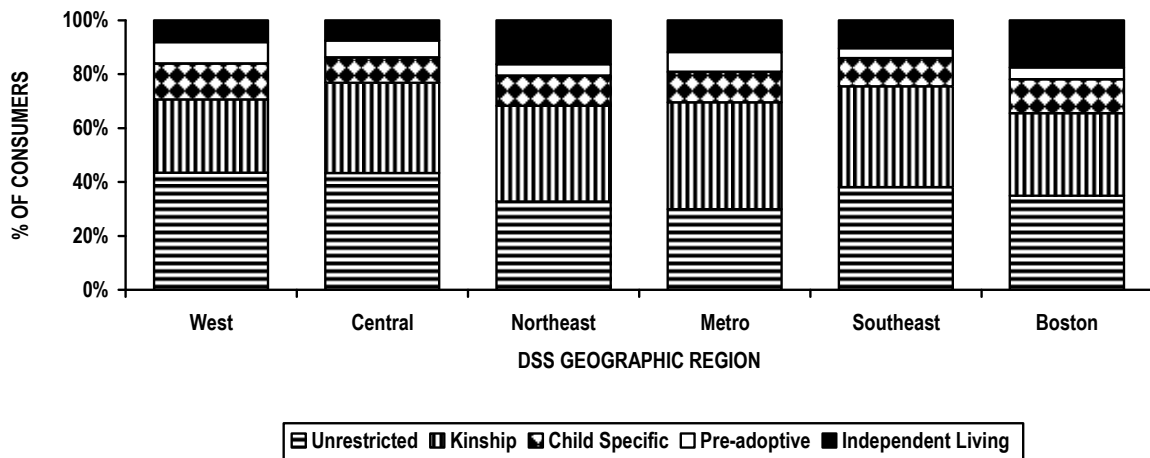
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes bridge home (16), regular group home (33), chap. 766 (129), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (29), diagnostic (6), Other (27).

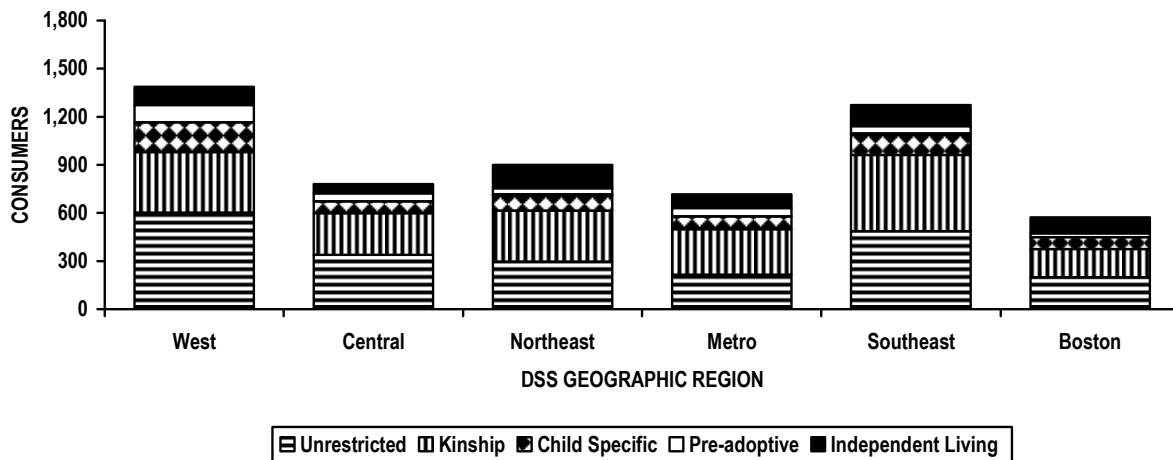
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

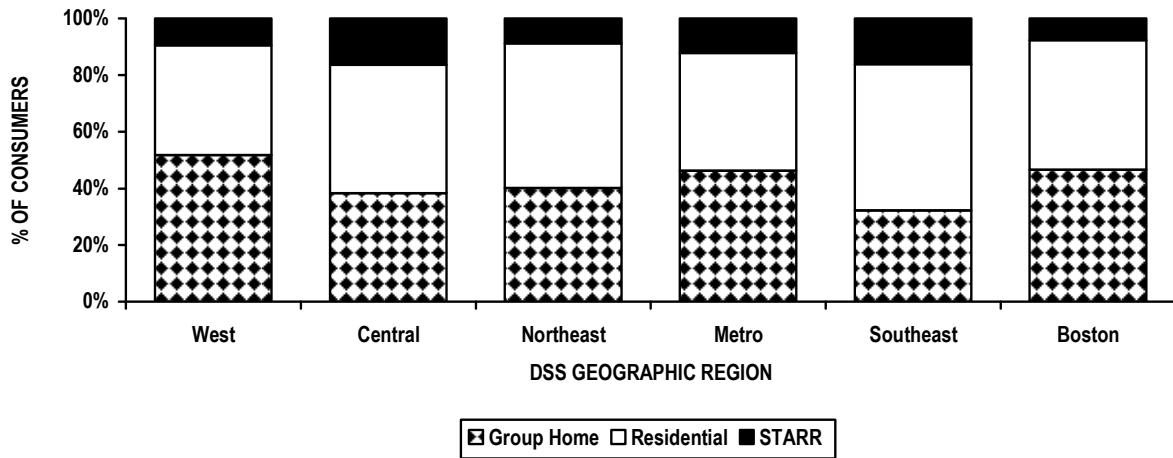
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2007, End of 1ST QUARTER (12/31/06)**



**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**

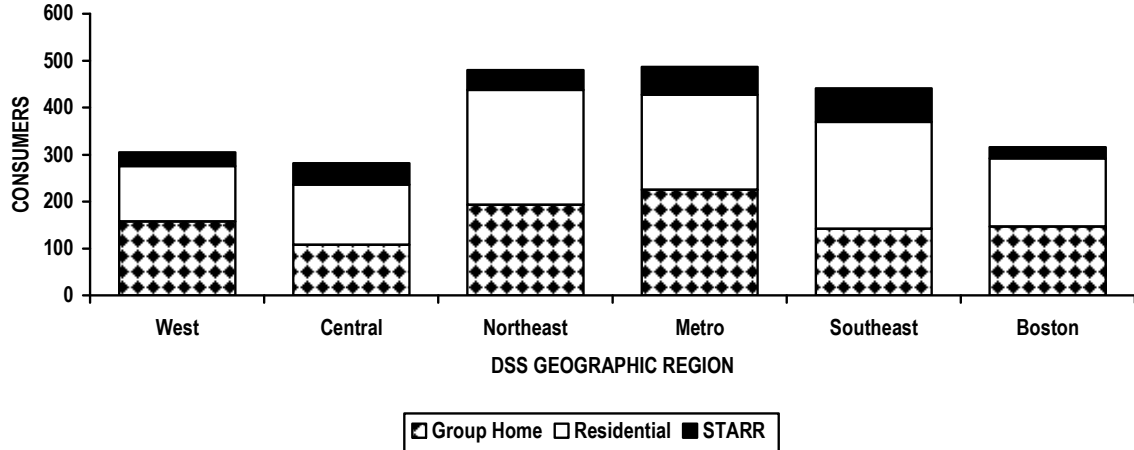


FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER)

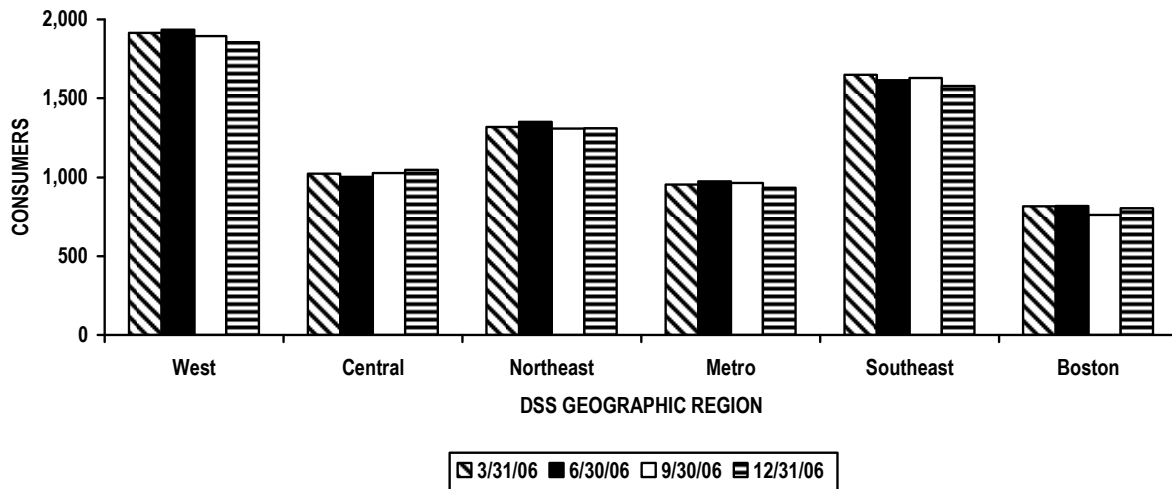


FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER)

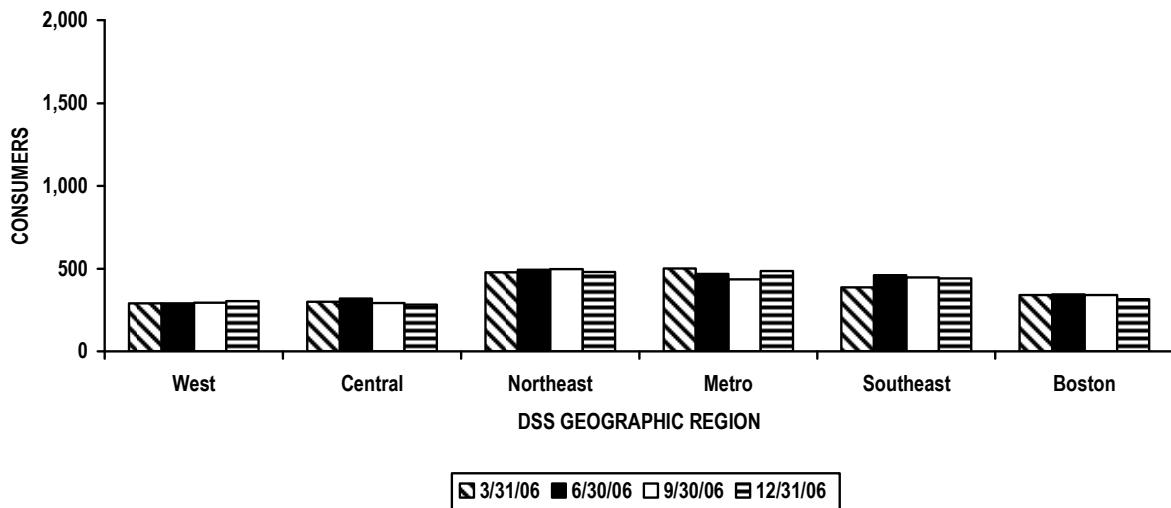


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,063	47%	658	48%	918	48%	739	50%	1,017	48%	610	50%	115	47%	14	34%	5,134	48%
Male	1,216	53%	724	52%	977	52%	747	50%	1,083	52%	620	50%	132	53%	27	66%	5,526	52%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	2,280	100%	1,382	100%	1,895	100%	1,486	100%	2,100	100%	1,230	100%	247	100%	41	100%	10,661	100%
Race:																		
White	1,466	64%	943	68%	1,145	60%	997	67%	1,398	67%	297	24%	116	47%	4	10%	6,366	60%
Black	311	14%	154	11%	192	10%	268	18%	356	17%	690	56%	61	25%	32	78%	2,064	19%
Asian	5	*	13	1%	89	5%	19	1%	15	1%	17	1%	1	*	2	5%	161	2%
Native American	3	*	---	---	2	*	1	*	8	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	18	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	3	*	---	---	1	*	3	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	*
Multi-Racial	98	4%	42	3%	75	4%	63	4%	111	5%	34	3%	28	11%	---	---	451	4%
Unspecified	396	17%	227	16%	392	21%	137	9%	209	10%	189	15%	40	16%	3	7%	1,593	15%
Total	2,280	100%	1,382	100%	1,895	100%	1,486	100%	2,100	100%	1,230	100%	247	100%	41	100%	10,661	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	799	35%	368	27%	639	34%	225	15%	277	13%	288	23%	61	25%	2	5%	2,659	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,362	60%	936	68%	1,195	63%	1,189	80%	1,712	82%	884	72%	170	69%	32	78%	7,480	70%
Unspecified	119	5%	78	6%	61	3%	72	5%	111	5%	58	5%	16	6%	7	17%	522	5%
Total	2,280	100%	1,382	100%	1,895	100%	1,486	100%	2,100	100%	1,230	100%	247	100%	41	100%	10,661	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
											Adoption							
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	311	14%	179	13%	188	10%	167	11%	300	14%	139	11%	41	17%	1	2%	1,326	12%
(3 - 5 yrs)	261	11%	148	11%	141	7%	111	7%	216	10%	78	6%	62	25%	1	2%	1,018	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	461	20%	291	21%	343	18%	247	17%	382	18%	153	12%	99	40%	3	7%	1,979	19%
(12 - 17 yrs)	997	44%	622	45%	913	48%	733	49%	935	45%	617	50%	45	18%	18	44%	4,880	46%
18 or older	250	11%	142	10%	310	16%	228	15%	267	13%	243	20%	---	---	18	44%	1,458	14%
Total	2,280	100%	1,382	100%	1,895	100%	1,486	100%	2,100	100%	1,230	100%	247	100%	41	100%	10,661	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	656	29%	437	32%	588	31%	487	33%	762	36%	348	28%	1	*	2	5%	3,281	31%
Adoption	567	25%	360	26%	381	20%	240	16%	405	19%	220	18%	241	98%	---	---	2,414	23%
Living Independently	429	19%	221	16%	404	21%	341	23%	433	21%	359	29%	---	---	23	56%	2,210	21%
Long-Term Substitute Care	295	13%	158	11%	283	15%	186	13%	209	10%	115	9%	---	---	3	7%	1,249	12%
Guardianship	119	5%	88	6%	77	4%	81	5%	122	6%	48	4%	2	1%	---	---	537	5%
Stabilize Intact Family	115	5%	73	5%	76	4%	79	5%	86	4%	56	5%	3	1%	---	---	488	5%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	65	3%	33	2%	67	4%	52	3%	71	3%	66	5%	---	---	---	---	354	3%
Unspecified	34	1%	12	1%	19	1%	20	1%	12	1%	18	1%	---	---	13	32%	128	1%
Total	2,280	100%	1,382	100%	1,895	100%	1,486	100%	2,100	100%	1,230	100%	247	100%	41	100%	10,661	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	459	20%	349	25%	374	20%	386	26%	493	23%	267	22%	8	3%	7	17%	2,343	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	410	18%	265	19%	345	18%	281	19%	390	19%	224	18%	19	8%	7	17%	1,941	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	330	14%	153	11%	217	11%	173	12%	254	12%	122	10%	37	15%	3	7%	1,289	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	185	8%	130	9%	160	8%	121	8%	203	10%	94	8%	25	10%	4	10%	922	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	429	19%	276	20%	357	19%	306	21%	407	19%	250	20%	96	39%	14	34%	2,135	20%
> 4 yrs	467	20%	209	15%	442	23%	219	15%	353	17%	273	22%	62	25%	6	15%	2,031	19%
Total	2,280	100%	1,382	100%	1,895	100%	1,486	100%	2,100	100%	1,230	100%	247	100%	41	100%	10,661	100%

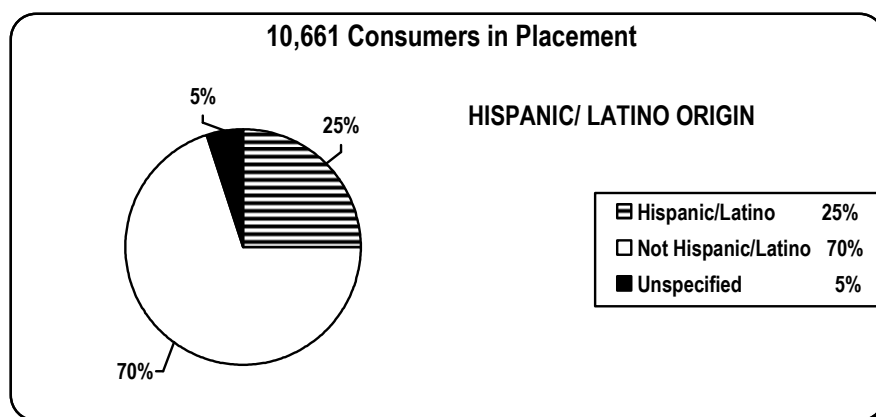
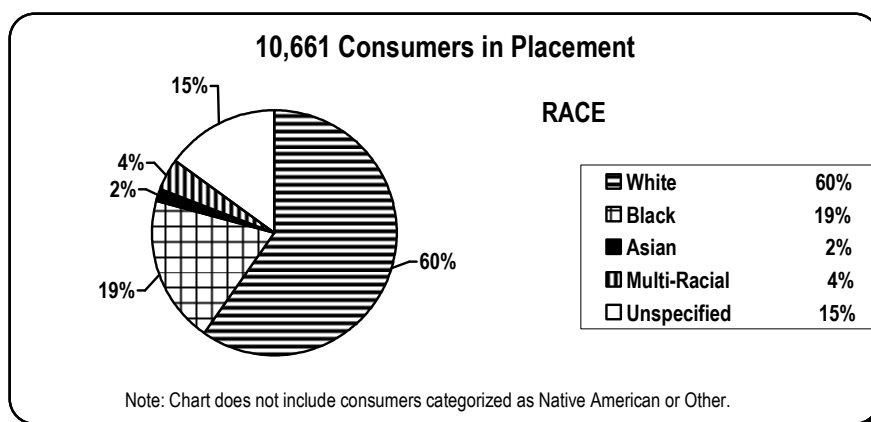
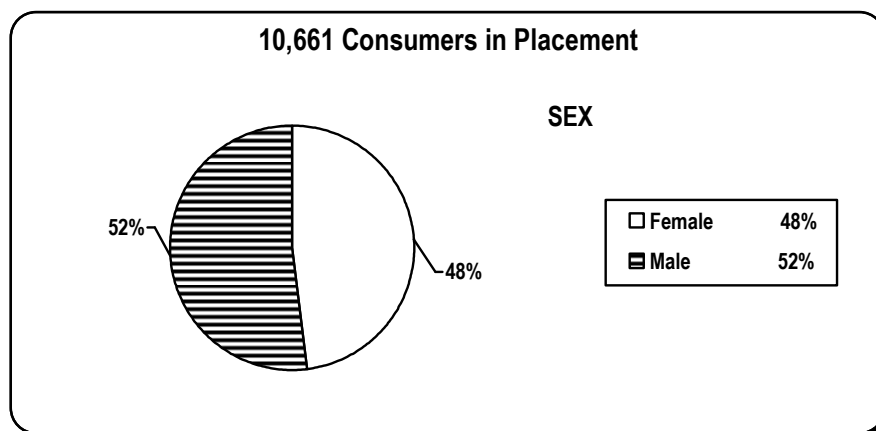
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⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT**
STATEWIDE: FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

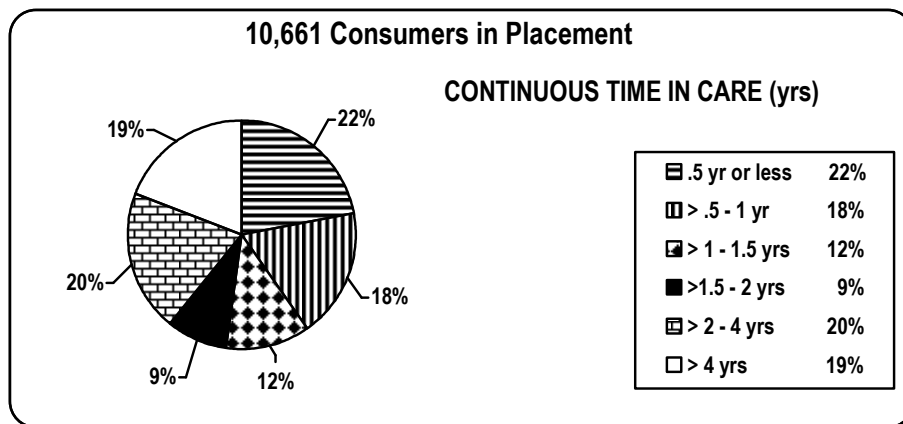
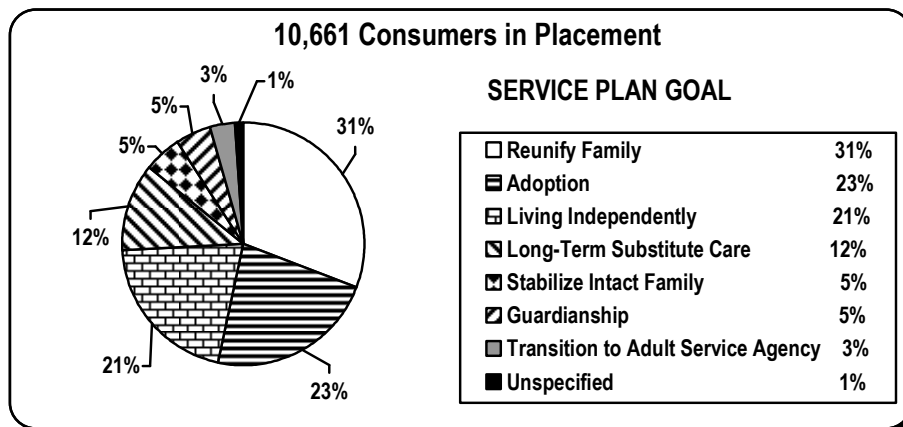
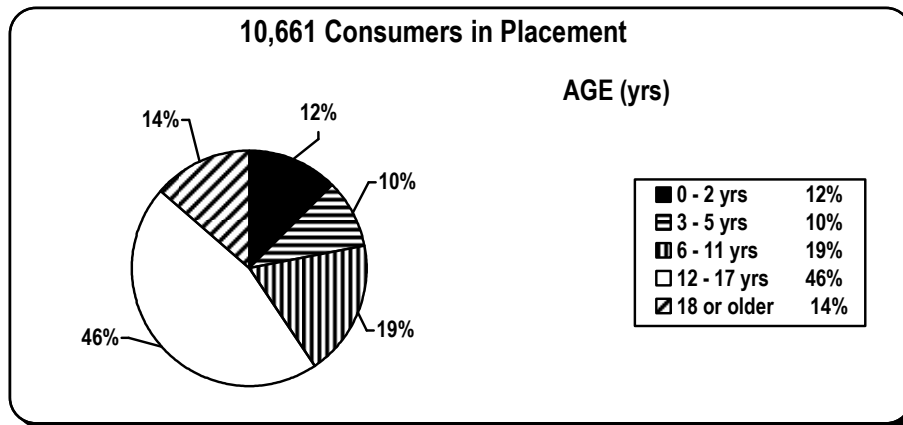


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total	
	Native															
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,402	22%	409	20%	43	27%	5	28%	4	50%	108	24%	372	23%	2,343	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,156	18%	352	17%	24	15%	---	---	2	25%	75	17%	332	21%	1,941	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	798	13%	223	11%	19	12%	---	---	1	13%	60	13%	186	12%	1,289	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	555	9%	173	8%	11	7%	2	11%	---	---	49	11%	132	8%	922	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,260	20%	452	22%	24	15%	6	33%	---	---	103	23%	290	18%	2,135	20%
> 4yrs	1,195	19%	455	22%	40	25%	3	17%	1	13%	56	12%	281	18%	2,031	19%
Total	6,366	100%	2,064	100%	161	100%	18	100%	8	100%	451	100%	1,593	100%	10,661	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	551	21%	1,650	22%	142	27%	2,343	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	505	19%	1,331	18%	105	20%	1,941	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	323	12%	894	12%	72	14%	1,289	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	238	9%	635	8%	49	9%	922	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	508	19%	1,539	21%	88	17%	2,135	20%
> 4yrs	534	20%	1,431	19%	66	13%	2,031	19%
Total	2,659	100%	7,480	100%	522	100%	10,661	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,027	62%	519	16%	59	2%	6	*	5	*	140	4%	525	16%	3,281	100%
Adoption	1,410	58%	410	17%	16	1%	2	*	---	---	173	7%	403	17%	2,414	100%
Living Independently	1,260	57%	573	26%	45	2%	7	*	1	*	55	2%	269	12%	2,210	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	742	59%	270	22%	19	2%	2	*	---	---	34	3%	182	15%	1,249	100%
Guardianship	340	63%	102	19%	5	1%	---	---	1	---	22	4%	67	12%	537	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	294	60%	84	17%	10	2%	1	*	1	---	19	4%	79	16%	488	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	229	65%	76	21%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	6	2%	40	11%	354	100%
Unspecified	64	50%	30	23%	4	3%	---	---	---	---	2	2%	28	22%	128	100%
Total	6,366	60%	2,064	19%	161	2%	18	*	8	*	451	4%	1,593	15%	10,661	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total No. %
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Reunify Family	796	24%	2,306	70%	179	5%	3,281 100%
Adoption	673	28%	1,585	66%	156	6%	2,414 100%
Living Independently	459	21%	1,664	75%	87	4%	2,210 100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	351	28%	856	69%	42	3%	1,249 100%
Guardianship	122	23%	395	74%	20	4%	537 100%
Stabilize Intact Family	146	30%	325	67%	17	3%	488 100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	84	24%	267	75%	3	1%	354 100%
Unspecified	28	22%	82	64%	18	14%	128 100%
Total	2,659	25%	7,480	70%	522	5%	10,661 100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

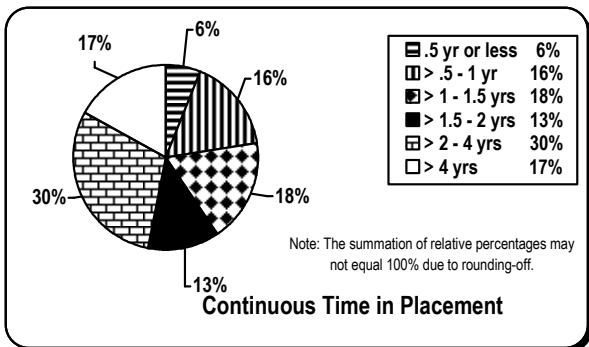
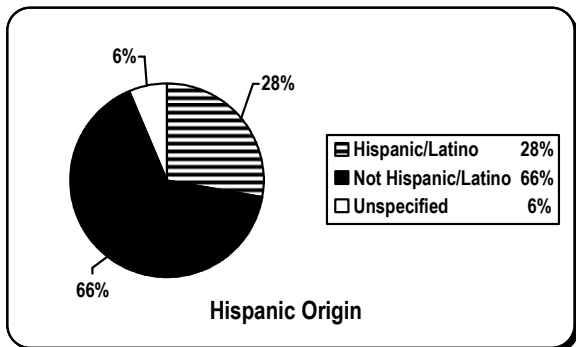
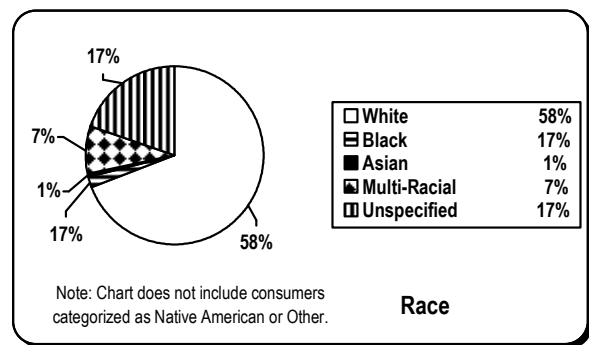
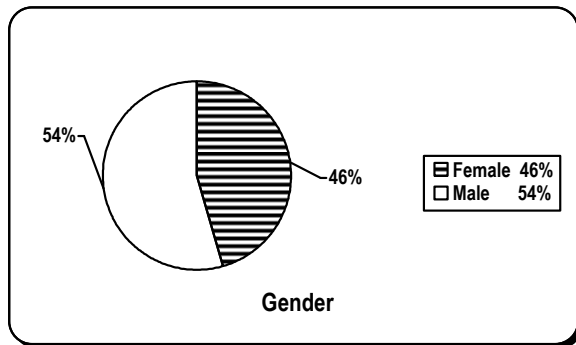
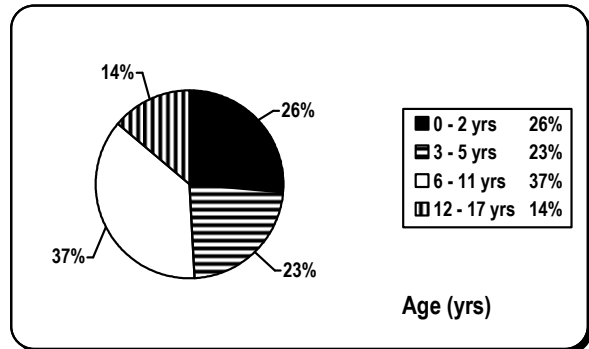
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	562	17%	375	11%	690	21%	1,630	50%	24	1%	3,281	100%
Adoption	635	26%	551	23%	888	37%	335	14%	5	*	2,414	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,071	48%	1,139	52%	2,210	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	1	*	2	*	114	9%	1,080	86%	52	4%	1,249	100%
Guardianship	24	4%	42	8%	200	37%	263	49%	8	1%	537	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	59	12%	40	8%	72	15%	295	60%	22	5%	488	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	8	2%	140	40%	206	58%	354	100%
Unspecified	45	35%	8	6%	7	5%	66	52%	2	2%	128	100%
Total	1,326	12%	1,018	10%	1,979	19%	4,880	46%	1,458	14%	10,661	100%

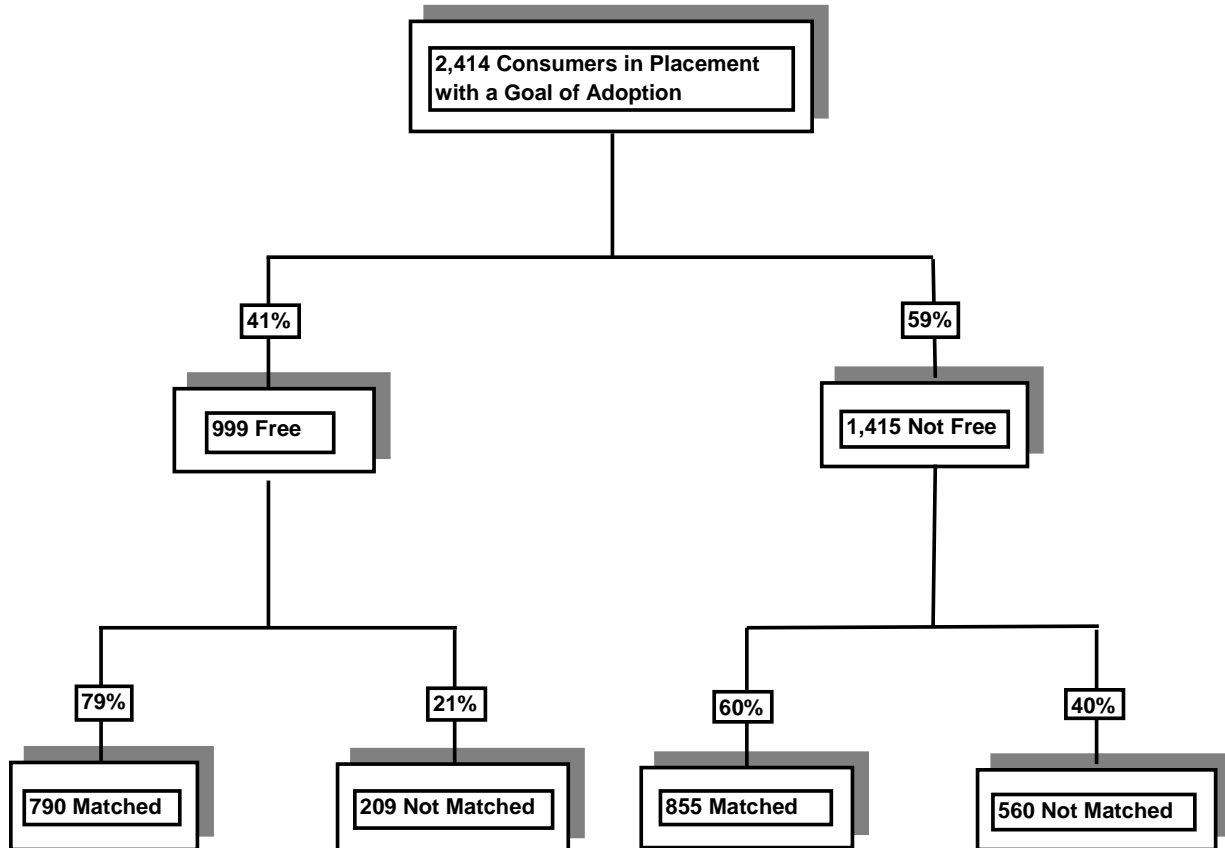
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement										Total			
	(.5yr or less		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)				> 4 yrs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,459	44%	1,044	32%	385	12%	166	5%	197	6%	30	1%	3,281	100%
Adoption	149	6%	394	16%	436	18%	305	13%	723	30%	407	17%	2,414	100%
Living Independently	148	7%	204	9%	224	10%	171	8%	592	27%	871	39%	2,210	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	64	5%	118	9%	108	9%	136	11%	370	30%	453	36%	1,249	100%
Guardianship	21	4%	74	14%	91	17%	120	22%	155	29%	76	14%	537	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	369	76%	76	16%	18	4%	4	1%	14	3%	7	1%	488	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	16	5%	27	8%	24	7%	19	5%	81	23%	187	53%	354	100%
Unspecified	117	91%	4	3%	3	2%	1	*	3	2%	---	---	128	100%
Total	2,343	22%	1,941	18%	1,289	12%	922	9%	2,135	20%	2,031	19%	10,661	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement
of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



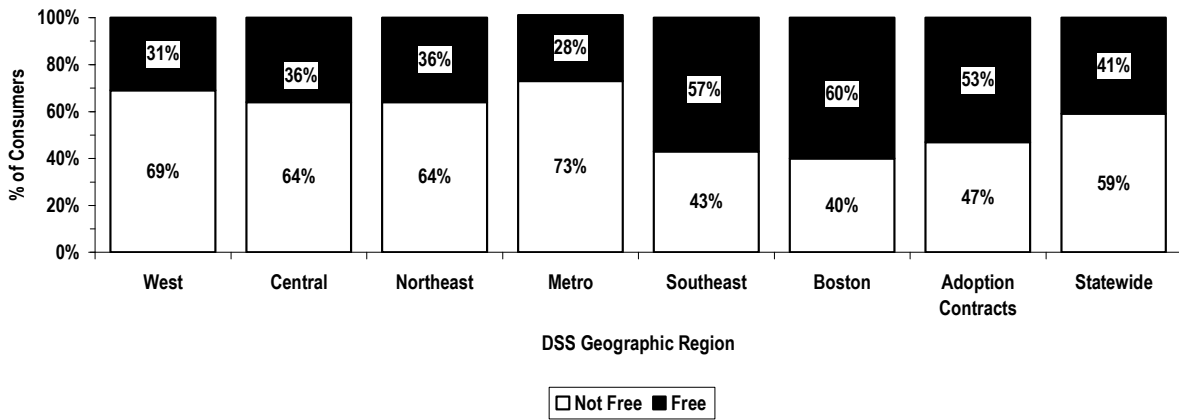
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
FY'2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



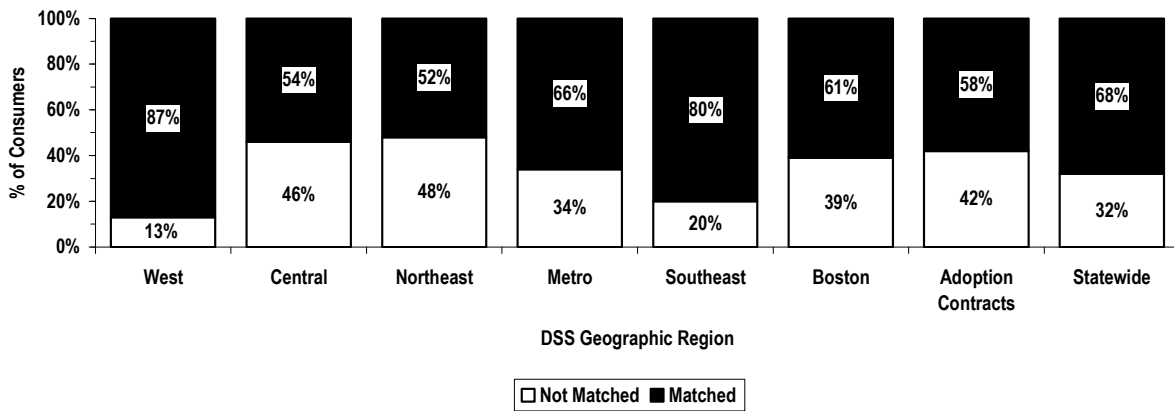
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status
FY'07, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family
FY'07, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). This programming modification resulted in an increase of 317 case openings and 943 consumers with case openings (both counts are unduplicated) during the quarter. Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends will need to proceed from this point forward (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, there were 3,973 case openings (unduplicated) and 16,187 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Eighty-one percent of case intakes and 85% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 9% of case intakes and 7% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 7% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 79-87% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston and Northeastern Regions had the largest proportions of CHINS referrals (10% and 9%, respectively). Voluntary requests were most significant in the Metro (14%), Central (11%), and Boston (10%) Regions. (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 18 (Metro) to 63 (Northeast). Voluntary requests were highest in Metro (84 case openings). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West and Southeast (**Table 9A**). The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007 (See **Table 14** on page 50).
- Statewide and regionally, case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14**). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 52).

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Western	673	87%	53	7%	29	4%	12	2%	3	*	770
Central	457	81%	39	7%	60	11%	6	1%	---	---	562
Northeast	561	80%	63	9%	50	7%	26	4%	1	*	701
Metro	474	81%	18	3%	84	14%	9	2%	1	*	586
Southeast	649	79%	44	5%	72	9%	53	6%	2	*	820
Boston	447	79%	54	10%	59	10%	4	1%	---	---	564
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total	3,263	81%	271	7%	354	9%	110	3%	7	*	4,005

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **3,973**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	CA/N Reports No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	2,927	91%	134	4%	100	3%	40	1%	4	*	3,205
Central	2,062	84%	153	6%	224	9%	19	1%	---	---	2,458
Northeast	2,376	83%	222	8%	152	5%	110	4%	1	*	2,861
Metro	1,949	83%	75	3%	295	13%	32	1%	1	*	2,352
Southeast	2,723	82%	162	5%	242	7%	184	6%	2	*	3,313
Boston	1,772	83%	162	8%	182	9%	9	*	---	---	2,125
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Total	13,813	85%	908	6%	1,195	7%	394	2%	8	*	16,318

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

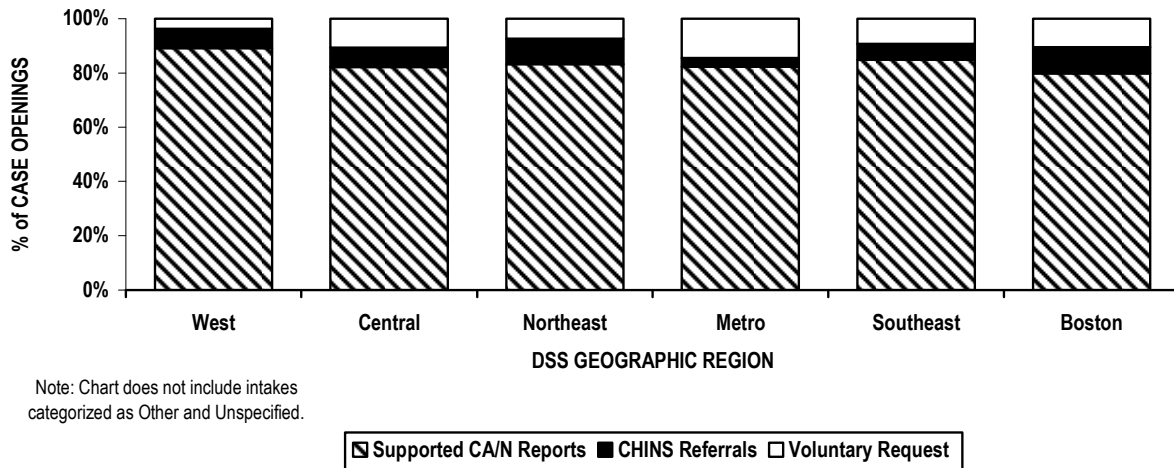
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **16,187**.

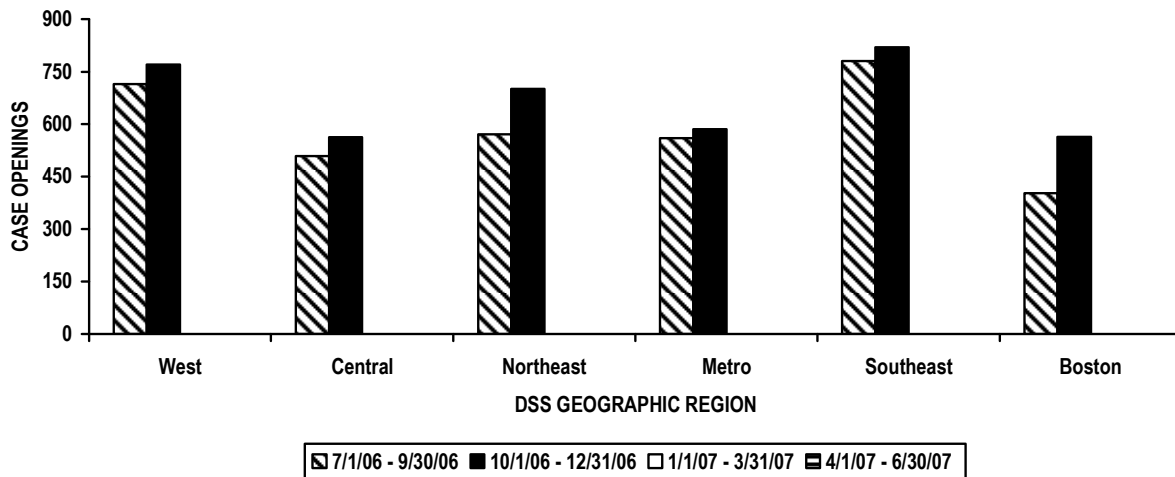
⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2007, 4TH QUARTER)**



NOTE: Due to a new selection criteria for case openings, counts for FY'2007, Q1 cannot be compared to previous quarters. New quarters will be added as time progresses.

Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- Revised counts of consumers entering placement during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 are displayed in table 10A on page 41. These numbers should be substituted for the counts presented in Table 10 of the DSS Quarterly Report for FY'2007, 1st Quarter.
- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, 1,907 consumers started at least one placement and 1,870 consumers left at least one placement.¹⁷ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10B and 11)

Entries to Placement

- There was a 4% increase in first-time entrants to placement during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007 as compared to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Re-entrants declined 4% from the 1st Quarter to 2nd Quarter. (Tables 10A and 10B)
- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.¹⁸ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 56% in the West to 68% in Central. (Table 10B, Fig. 15)
- The largest proportion of consumers entering placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (20% of statewide entrants). (Table 10B)
- Across the state, 69% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 25% were placed in congregate care,¹⁹ and 6% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁰ (Table 10B)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-three percent of first-time entrants and 62% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 31% of re-entrants and 22% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10B)
- Metro was the only region where re-entrants to congregate care exceeded re-entrants to foster care. Compared to other regions, Metro placed a higher proportion of re-entrants (50%) into congregate care. At the other extreme, the Western Region placed 11% of re-entrants into congregate care (and 85% of re-entrants into foster care). (Table 10B, Fig. 16)

¹⁷ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

¹⁸ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

¹⁹ Congregate Care includes Group Home, Residential Treatment, and short-term residential placement (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration, STARR).

²⁰ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 57% in Boston to 68% in Metro. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 14% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 8% were emancipated, and 5% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers adopted ranged from 10% in the Northeast to 17% in the West; emancipated consumers ranged from 6% in Metro to 10% in the Northeast; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 2% in the Northeast to 9% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10A. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:

FY'2007, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

		DSS Geographic Region							Total
Entry Type	Placement Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
New Entrants:		264	170	172	177	247	102	4	1,136
	Foster Care	221	121	117	117	205	73	4	858
	Congregate Care	34	41	53	52	34	25	---	239
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	9	8	2	8	8	4	---	39
Re-Entrants:		155	125	133	110	146	82	1	752
	Foster Care	122	85	57	54	90	48	1	457
	Congregate Care	28	35	61	44	49	23	---	240
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	5	5	15	12	7	11	---	55
Total		419	295	305	287	393	184	5	1,888

TABLE 10B. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:

FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)

		DSS Geographic Region							Total
Entry Type	Placement Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
New Entrants:		215	189	197	216	221	140	6	1,184
	Foster Care	178	153	126	128	164	112	6	867
	Congregate Care	28	30	54	75	48	21	---	256
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	9	6	17	13	9	7	---	61
Re-Entrants:		169	91	148	122	117	75	1	723
	Foster Care	143	52	70	54	80	45	1	445
	Congregate Care	19	32	64	61	28	21	---	225
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	7	7	14	7	9	9	---	53
Total		384	280	345	338	338	215	7	1,907

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

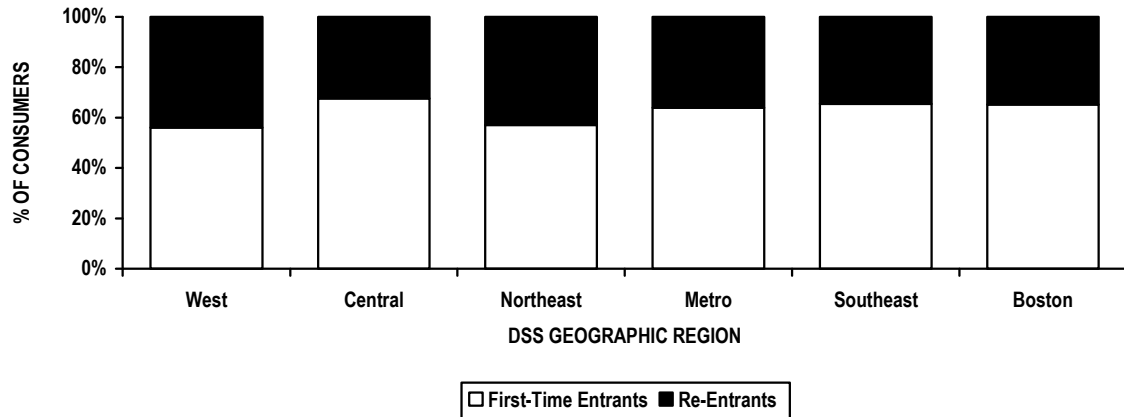
TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:

FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)

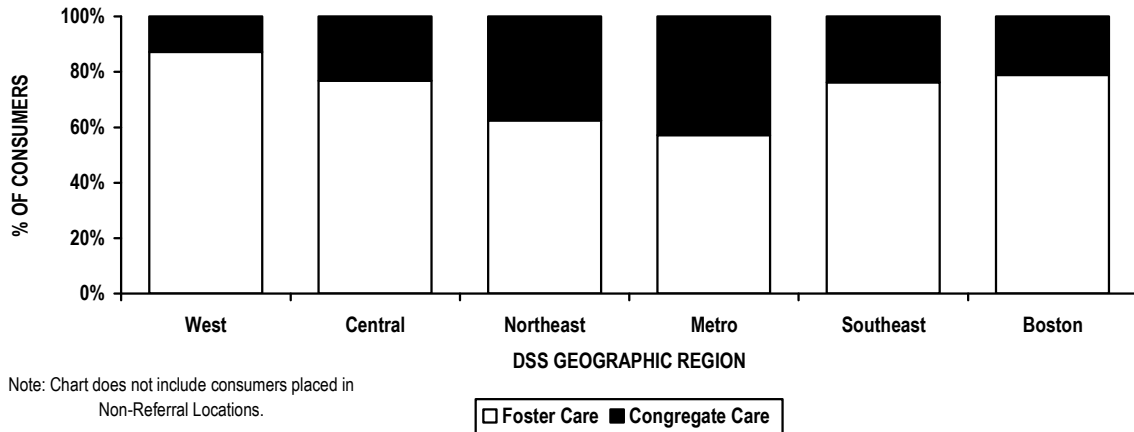
		DSS Geographic Region							Total
Reason Placement Ended		West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home		234	177	201	218	228	112	---	1,170
Consumer Adopted		66	42	30	46	56	23	---	263
Child 18 or Older		30	22	29	18	29	14	3	145
Guardianship		19	11	6	11	34	14	---	95
Custody to Other Individual		24	7	18	13	7	14	---	83
Custody to Other Agency			4	1	2	5	1	---	13
Custody to Other Individual or Agency		3	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Consumer Deceased		---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
Unspecified		17	16	17	10	17	20	---	97
Total		393	279	302	319	376	198	3	1,870

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)**

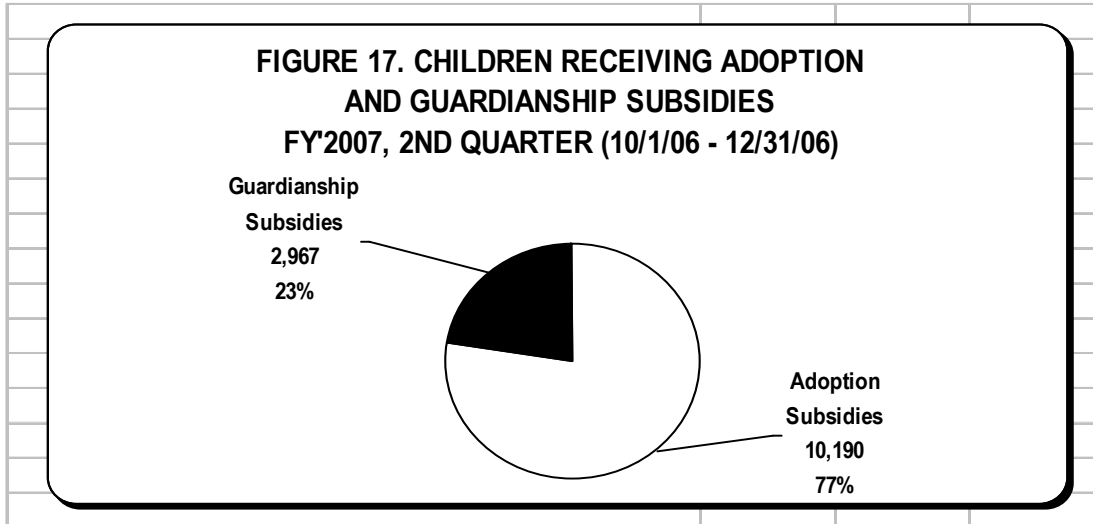


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,190. Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,967. (Fig. 17)



From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, adoption subsidies rose less than 1% and guardianship subsidies fell 2%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2004 1 st	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 nd	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 rd	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 th	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%

- * = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹

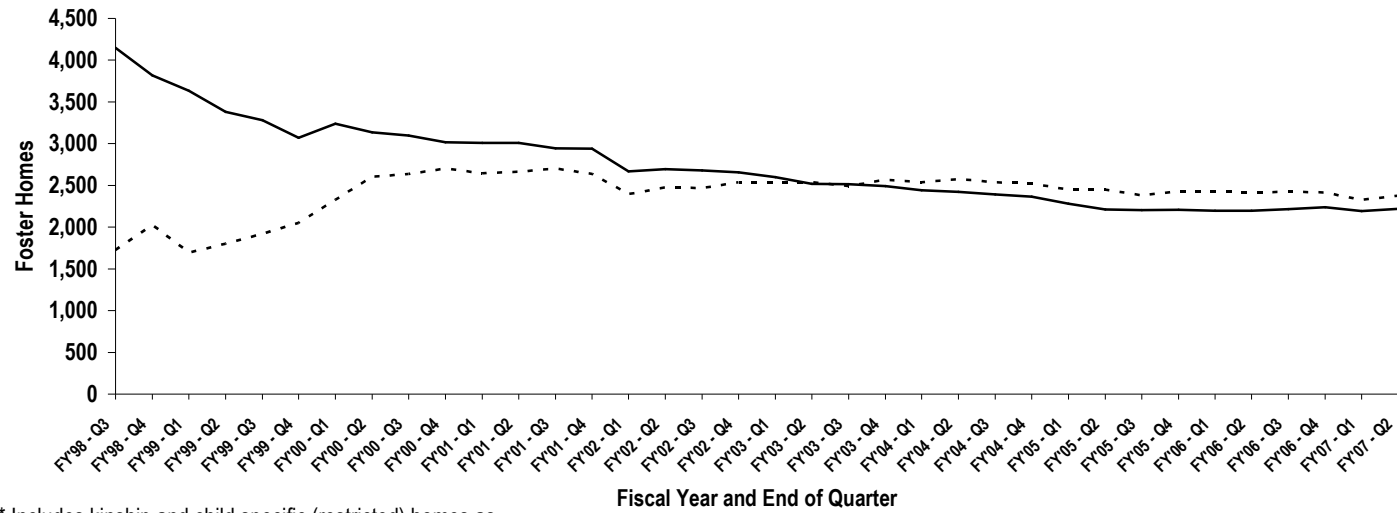
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, there were 4,595 foster homes under the direct supervision of DSS. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes² as well as unrestricted homes.³ Unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,220) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,375). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 78% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 61% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 73% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (597) of all foster homes were identified as Black (331 restricted and 266 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (744) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (364 restricted and 380 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

² Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

³ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES* **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 2nd Quarter of FY'2007 (12/31/06)**



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total No. %
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	469		338		400		317		589		223		39		2,375	
White	381	81%	233	69%	305	76%	259	82%	470	80%	78	35%	17	44%	1,743 73%	
Black	52	11%	17	5%	27	7%	30	9%	79	13%	111	50%	15	38%	331 14%	
Asian	---	---	2	1%	18	5%	1	*	2	*	2	1%	1	3%	26 1%	
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3 *	
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1 *	
Multi-Racial	3	1%	1	*	4	1%	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	10 *	
Unspecified	33	7%	85	25%	45	11%	25	8%	35	6%	32	14%	6	15%	261 11%	
Unrestricted:	520		348		291		320		488		179		74		2,220	
White	411	79%	304	87%	230	79%	276	86%	401	82%	51	28%	69	93%	1,742 78%	
Black	60	12%	21	6%	9	3%	32	10%	38	8%	102	57%	4	5%	266 12%	
Asian	1	*	---	---	13	4%	---	---	3	1%	2	1%	---	---	19 1%	
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	1%	---	---	---	---	7 *	
Multi-Racial	35	7%	1	*	3	1%	1	*	---	---	1	1%	---	---	41 2%	
Unspecified	13	3%	22	6%	36	12%	11	3%	39	8%	23	13%	1	1%	145 7%	
Total	989		686		691		637		1,077		402		113		4,595	

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY2007, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/06) ⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	469		338		400		317		589		223		39		2,375			
Hispanic/Latino	96	20%	60	18%	91	23%	25	8%	40	7%	46	21%	6	15%	364	15%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	353	75%	222	66%	292	73%	277	87%	528	90%	164	74%	29	74%	1,865	79%		
Unspecified	20	4%	56	17%	17	4%	15	5%	21	4%	13	6%	4	10%	146	6%		
Unrestricted:	520		348		291		320		488		179		74		2,220			
Hispanic/Latino	128	25%	45	13%	84	29%	21	7%	60	12%	36	20%	6	8%	380	17%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	391	75%	300	86%	202	69%	294	92%	417	85%	141	79%	68	92%	1,813	82%		
Unspecified	1	*	3	1%	5	2%	5	2%	11	2%	2	1%	---	---	27	1%		
Total	989		686		691		637		1,077		402		113		4,595			

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05) ⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	484		305		409		325		619		238		31		2,411			
Married	252	52%	169	55%	220	54%	165	51%	345	56%	83	35%	19	61%	1,253	52%		
Single	118	24%	81	27%	111	27%	92	28%	146	24%	109	46%	9	29%	666	28%		
Divorced	68	14%	36	12%	39	10%	43	13%	68	11%	24	10%	1	3%	279	12%		
Separated	23	5%	12	4%	21	5%	6	2%	26	4%	16	7%	2	6%	106	4%		
Widowed	19	4%	6	2%	13	3%	14	4%	26	4%	5	2%	---	---	83	3%		
Unrestricted:	508		331		314		278		492		174		99		2,196			
Married	306	60%	244	74%	176	56%	154	55%	328	67%	51	29%	72	73%	1,331	61%		
Single	89	18%	45	14%	82	26%	77	28%	76	15%	81	47%	23	23%	473	22%		
Divorced	69	14%	32	10%	30	10%	31	11%	53	11%	22	13%	4	4%	241	11%		
Widowed	23	5%	3	1%	12	4%	12	4%	24	5%	8	5%	---	---	82	4%		
Separated	21	4%	7	2%	13	4%	4	1%	11	2%	11	6%	---	---	67	3%		
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	1%	---	---	2	*		
Total	992		636		723		603		1,111		412		130		4,607			

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 18,161 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. Sixty-two percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,644) and Southeast (2,622). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 3,754 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 53% in Metro to 67% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 71%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 1-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 25% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 13% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. Regional changes ranged from 9% in the Southeast to 27% in Metro. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007 was 9,938.¹ Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (1,874 and 1,821, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 50% in the Northeast to a high of 60% in Boston. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 72% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

¹ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate (67%) and the lowest support rate (50%). Conversely, the Metro Region had the lowest screen-in rate (53%) and the second highest support rate (59%). (**Table 14, Fig. 19**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 16% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from 7% in the Southeast to 28% in Boston. (**Fig. 21**)

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
West	1,607	44%	1,976	54%	61	2%	3,644	20%
Central	1,001	45%	1,186	53%	51	2%	2,238	12%
Northeast	765	33%	1,537	66%	33	1%	2,335	13%
Metro	930	47%	1,039	52%	18	1%	1,987	11%
Southeast	996	38%	1,555	59%	71	3%	2,622	14%
Boston	553	35%	984	63%	27	2%	1,564	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,078	29%	1,726	46%	950	25%	3,754	21%
Special Investigations	3	18%	14	82%	---	---	17	*
Total	6,933	38%	10,017	55%	1,211	7%	18,161	100%

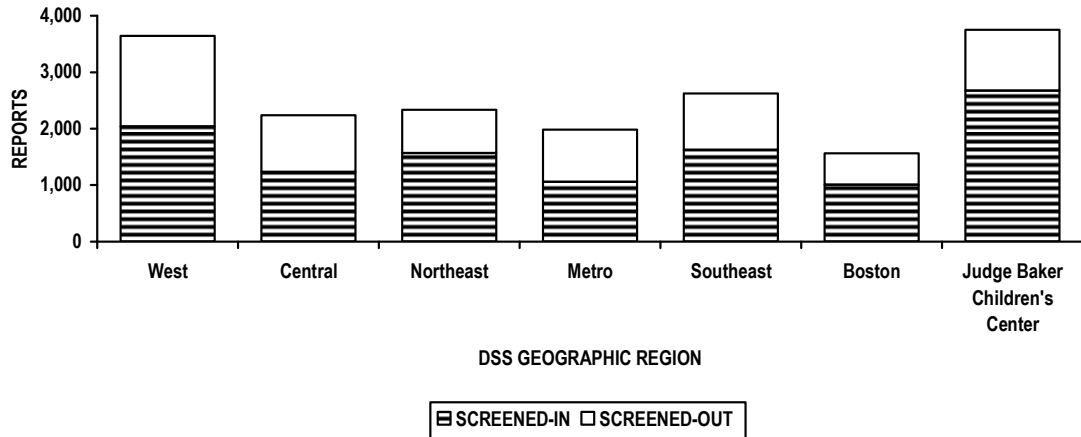
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TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)

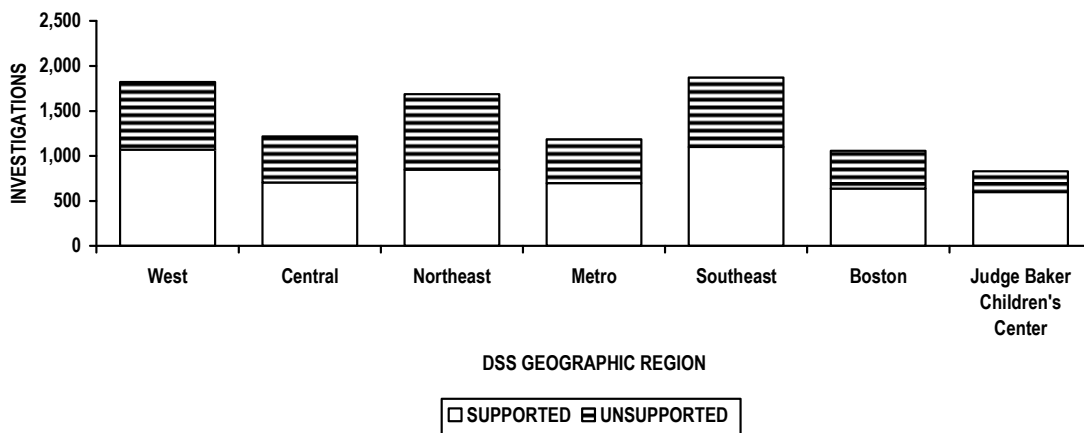
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,068	59%	753	41%	1,821	18%
Central	705	58%	514	42%	1,219	12%
Northeast	848	50%	841	50%	1,689	17%
Metro	698	59%	487	41%	1,185	12%
Southeast	1,100	59%	774	41%	1,874	19%
Boston	639	60%	420	40%	1,059	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	600	72%	230	28%	830	8%
Special Investigations	91	35%	170	65%	261	3%
Total	5,749	58%	4,189	42%	9,938	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

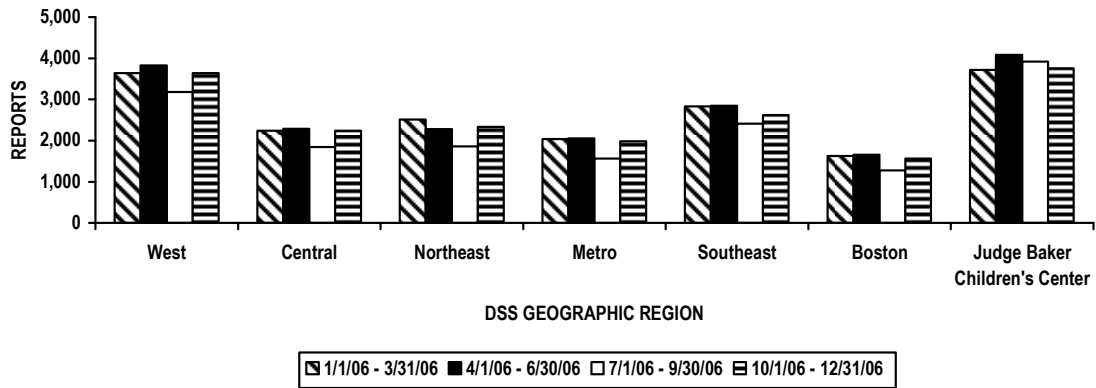
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)**



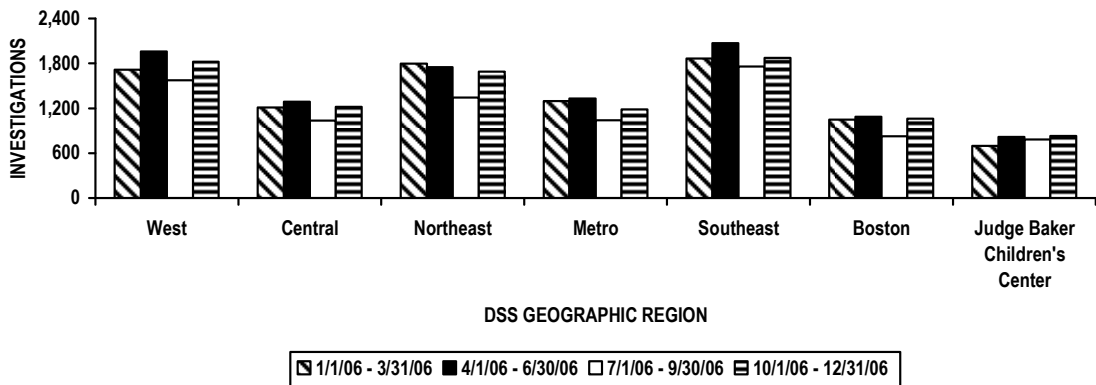
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2006, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007, 1,183 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-nine percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals¹ and 51% were discretionary referrals² (**Fig. 22**).

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183

- Sexual abuse accounted for 84% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³ during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Fifteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

¹ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

² There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

³ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

- Table 16 (on page 56) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size¹ for the county. Referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county population estimates, Hampden (encompassing city of Springfield) and Berkshire Counties had higher numbers of referrals than expected. Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

<i>Date</i>	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		<i>Death</i> ²		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

¹ County population estimates for 2005 (<http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/tables/CO-EST2005-01-25.CSV>).

² Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

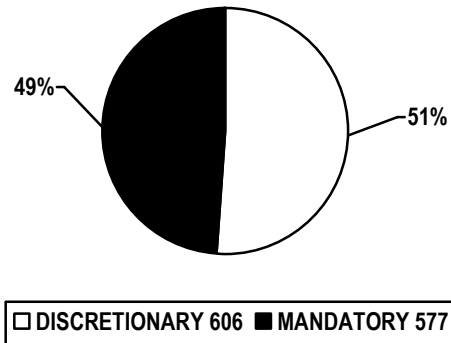
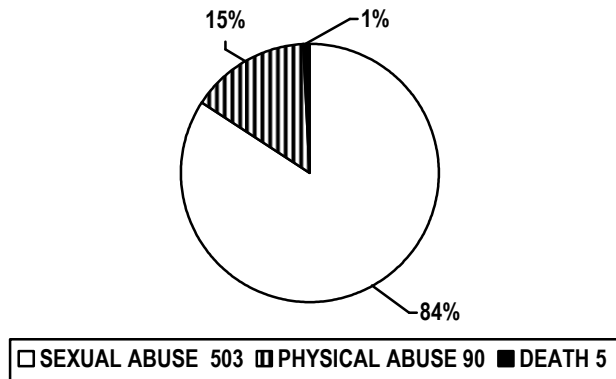


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:
FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	503	84%
Sexual Assault	467	
Sexual Exploitation	36	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	90	15%
.....		
Death:	5	1%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	598	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:⁽¹⁾ FY'2007, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/06 - 12/31/06)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2005 Population Estimates
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	138	52%	125	48%	263	738,301
Middlesex	112	60%	75	40%	187	1,459,011
Worcester	82	46%	97	54%	179	783,262
Suffolk	92	58%	67	42%	159	654,428
Hampden	57	57%	43	43%	100	461,591
Bristol	14	20%	55	80%	69	546,331
Plymouth	24	35%	45	65%	69	492,409
Berkshire	29	56%	23	44%	52	131,868
Norfolk	22	65%	12	35%	34	653,595
Franklin	12	57%	9	43%	21	72,334
Hampshire	6	33%	12	67%	18	153,339
Barnstable	10	67%	5	33%	15	226,514
Dukes	2	50%	2	---	4	15,592
Nantucket	1	50%	1	---	2	10,168
OUT OF STATE	5	45%	6	55%	11	---
Total	606		577		1,183	6,398,743

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.